



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes

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SBA TO CLOSE DISASTER ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today that it will close its temporary disaster assistance workshop located at the Emergency Medical Services Building, 110 W. 2nd Street in Hopkinsville on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Individuals and businesses that were affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred August 29, 2005, have only one day left to get personal help with their SBA disaster loan applications. “We keep our workshops open as long as there appears to be a need for SBA to be there. We have seen very few people at this location over the past few days. That tells us we have probably met the needs of those in the area that were interested in this assistance,” said Frank Skaggs, Director of SBA Field Operations Center East.

“If you had any damage caused by the severe storms and flooding, I hope you will come in to the workshop and personally meet with an SBA loan officer. Our loan officers will be glad to answer any questions about the disaster loan program, give you an application, and provide any extra help you may need or want with completing your application.” Skaggs added.

Victims that sustained physical damage due to the severe storms and flooding in the declared County of Christian and contiguous counties of Caldwell, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Todd, and Trigg in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Montgomery and Stewart counties in the State of Tennessee are eligible to apply for these SBA disaster loans.

“I also want to express my thanks to the Emergency Medical Services Building in Hopkinsville for providing the space for our workshop. The many courtesies extended to our staff have been greatly appreciated,” Skaggs said.

After the workshop closes, applications and program information will still be available by calling the SBA Disaster Assistance National Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or 1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired. Completed applications should be returned to: U.S. Small Business Administration, National Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925, Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline for returning applications for physical damage is Nov. 7; the deadline to return the economic injury applications is June 7, 2006.

For more information visit SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/disaster

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